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Our home has now had an existence of twenty years : and as the time has again come round when it is usual to present to our friends an Annual Report, our first thought is, that we have scanty material for that, except in an account of routine duties and dry statistics.

But to a community which has shown interest in our charity from its outset, and given to it at all times substantial and generous proof of fellowship, we can at least, tell of the quiet which has reigned in our borders the past year.

It has been said, “ That nation is happiest which has no history.” If it be true of a large community, that prosperity and happiness are indicated by the absence of startling or notable events in its career, not less true is it in our smaller sphere, that its composed life during the past year may be taken as a sign of content amongst us and that we are fulfilling one of the ideas proposed by its founders to make this indeed a Home.

But while we feel assured that this feature has been effected, we can never rest quite satisfied that the original purpose as our name indicates has been perfected until we are able to unite the care of children with that of the aged. That this idea is not only possible but if properly arranged may be made to work with advantage to each will be testified to, by all the older members of this board who remember our early history.

We have drifted away from this purpose through various causes and influences, the strongest being the inconvenient structure of our present building for carrying out these united benefits : but let us not lose sight of the motive of the founder whose first idea in establishing this benevolence was for the needs of the little ones. We trust that another year will give us a clearer light and more abundant means that we may better execute our stewardship, believing that our work is never done.

Ours is a continuing trust ; our corporate existence has no limit : and as we have not sufficient permanent fund to depend upon for a regular income, we are obliged to charge a small weekly board, and make up the deficit from the uncertain sources of fairs and other charitable issues, depending on the good and prosperous to aid us in carrying on the workings of a Home, which from its records we believe may be worthy an honorable mention amongst the Institutions of the State.

We have had very little sickness the past year, with the exception of chronic cases of long standing and which must be regarded as the usual experiences amongst such aged women.

The angel of death visited us January 15th, 1876, taking beyond our care Mrs. Mary Bragg, aged 95. For her there can be no regrets, she having lived longer than the generally supposed limit of happy old age. We can but rejoice that the tired body is at rest after so many years of earthly sojourn. With this exception there have been few changes among the inmates who now number 14.

Mrs. Margaret Withers,	-	-	-	89
Miss Harriet J. Burrill,	-	-	-	75
Mrs. Susanna B. Bryant,	-	-	-	80
“ Hannah Keller,	-	-	-	75
“ Eliza R. Carson,	-	-	-	59
“ Annie M. Briggs.	-	-	-	57
“ Achsah Bowman,	-	-	-	72
Miss Eliza Melcher,	-	-	-	73
Mrs. Margaret Ashman,	-	-	-	74
Miss Harriet Hall,	-	-	-	73
“ Sarah Seaverns,	-	-	-	69
Mrs. Margaret Hodges	-	-	-	76
Miss Elizabeth Babcock,	-	-	-	73
Mrs. Cynthia Smith,	-	-	-	75

These, with our very faithful and efficient matron Mrs. Walcott and her assistants make our household of 18.

At this time we have some vacancies and would be glad to receive three more.

There have been regular religious exercises in the parlor every Sunday afternoon at half past four o'clock, conducted by ministers of all denominations and occasionally laymen, who have universally interested and gratified their hearers. These services have been looked forward to by all who were enabled to come down stairs, as the attractive event of the week. Many friends

and neighbors have joined us and shown their good will and sympathy by meeting with us in our worship ; this has been very pleasing to our aged friends, especially when the young have come to brighten the picture with their reverence and hymns of praise.

We would most gratefully acknowledge the many favors, in every form, that have been bestowed, whether in gifts, attentions, or ready cooperation. To Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy for their timely gifts, the free use of Kennedy Hall for May day fairs the last two years having brought a rich return. Many remembrances in the way of flowers and fruits and delicacies for the sick : For valuable services of Dr. Streeter so faithfully given : To the proprietors of the Suffolk County Journal, for their interesting weekly journal, and their advertising favors : To the various clergymen who have so cheerfully responded to our call, often after hard labor in their own pulpits : To all who have in any way shown us a kindly interest we give our hearty thanks.

The appended report of the treasurer will show our receipts and expenditures in full.

The Porter fund is now sufficient for the support of one woman ; the more of such we can attain the greater will be our charity.

Respectfully submitted,

SARAH BUNKER, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS.

JOHN ROGERS, *Pres.* EDW. B. REYNOLDS, *Trea.*
THEODA BUSH, *Vice Pres.* SARAH BUNKER, *Sec.*

MANAGERS.

CHAS. K. DILLAWAY,	Mrs. ISAAC HAYDEN,
SOLON W. BUSH,	“ A. D. HODGES,
ADAMS AYER,	“ LINUS B. COMINS,
ATHERTON T. BROWN,	“ BENJ. MANN,
Mrs. HENRY BARTLETT,	“ EDWARD B. REYNOLDS,
“ LEONARD C. BOWLES,	“ GEORGE E. FOSTER,
Miss ANNA C. LOWELL,	“ DANFORTH C. HODGES,
Mrs. ADAMS AYER,	Miss CAROLINE BARTLETT,
“ G. W. WHEELWRIGHT,	“ SARAH M. CHAMPNEY,
“ THOMAS J. HOMER,	“ HEPSIE S. HOWARD,
“ SAMUEL C. DAVIS,	“ LUCY NEVERS,
“ R. M. STACKPOLE.	“ EMILY SOREN,
“ WM. S. LELAND,	“ LAURA D. ROGERS.
“ WM. GASTON,	

Financial Statement.

General Funds.

RECEIPTS.

From May Day Fair,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$2013 10
“ Board of Inmates,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2281 50
“ Annual Subscriptions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	700
“ Donation Sunday School First Religious Society,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52 96
“ “ Henry B. Rogers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
“ “ Mrs. Donald Kennedy,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
“ “ Miss Susan Weld,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
“ “ Two friends,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
“ Interest,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	107
“ One Life Membership.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50
Cash on hand April 1, 1875,								1225 72
								<u>6566 28</u>

PAYMENTS.

For Table Supplies,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1829 15
“ Matron's Salary, Wages and Labor,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1361 20
“ Fuel and Light,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	540 15
“ New Furnace.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	333 28
“ Repairs. Printing, Medicines, &c.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	219 59
“ House Furnishing,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	173 39
Amount transferred to Investment Account,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>4456 76</u>
Balance Cash on hand April 1, 1876.								1231
								878 52
								<u>6566 28</u>

In addition to Donations named above a donation of Fifty Dollars, was made to the LOWELL FUND, by Mrs. Samuel C. Davis.

ABSTRACT OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE ROXBURY HOME.

House and Furniture (estimated)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17000
General Funds,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	878 52
Caroline Porter Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4161 06
Lowell Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	823 48
Investment Fund,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2256
								<u>25 119 06</u>

No indebtedness.

Boston, April, 1, 1876.

E. B. REYNOLDS. *Treasurer.*

L I F E M E M B E R S—\$ 5 0

<p>Mrs. Thomas Adams, Mrs. Nath'l I. Bowditch, Miss Louisa B. Champney, Miss Sarah M. Champney,</p>	<p>Henry S. Shaw, William Taylor, *Mrs. George Dove.</p>
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A N N U A L S U B S C R I B E R S—\$ 5 .

<p>Allen, Alfred Mrs. Amory, Anna M. Miss Amory, Mary Miss Alley, John R. Mrs. Appleton, Mary G. Mrs. Appleton, William C. Ayer, Adams Ayer, Adams Mrs. Bacon, Augustus Bacon, William Balch, Ann Miss Balch Abigail Miss Bartlett, Caroline Miss Bartlett, Henry Mrs. Bartlett, Mary H. Miss Blanchard, Harriet Mrs. Blanchard Mary E. Mrs. Brown, Atherton T. Buffinton, S. Mrs. Bradford, Charles F. Mrs. Backup, John Bullard, Francis L. Bullard, Francis L. Mrs. Bowles, Leonard C. Mrs. Bush, Solon W. Bush, Solon W. Mrs. Brewster, Benj. Mrs. Brigham Joseph L. Bunker, Sarah Miss Briggs, Lucius H. Bradlee, Nath'l J.</p>	<p>Bradlee, Nath'l J. Mrs. Clarke, John J. Clarke, Mary Mrs. Cotting, Benj. E. Mrs. Cunningham, Chas. Mrs. Capen, Edw. W. Mrs. Campbell, Willietta Miss Comins, Linus B. Mrs. Davis, Isaac Mrs. Davis, Samuel C. Davis, Samuel C. Mrs. Dillaway Charles K. Dillaway Charles K. Mrs. Daggett, Henry L. Daggett, Henry L. Mrs. Dixwell, John J. Mrs. DeWolf, John L. Farnsworth, Walter Farnsworth, Walter Mrs. Fellows, Charlotte Miss French, Jonathan Fenn, George Foster, George E. Mrs. Gray, William Mrs. Guild, Frederic Guild, Henry Guild, James Greene, Franklin Mrs. Gaston, William Mrs. Hickling, Charles Mrs. Hodges Almon D.</p>
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*Deceased.

Hodges, Almon D. Mrs.
 Hodges, Danforth C. Mrs.
 Hollingsworth, Lyman
 Hollingsworth, Lyman Mrs.
 Hart, Nath'l O. Mrs.
 Hill, Alfred
 Hill, Alfred Mrs.
 Haskins, Ralph Mrs.
 Howard, Hepsie S. Miss
 Hayden, Isaac Mrs.
 Homer, Thomas J. Mrs.
 Kettell, John B. Mrs.
 Kimball, Oliver D. Mrs.
 Lowell, Anna C. Miss
 Lowell, J. Amory Mrs.
 Low, Ariel,
 Low, Ariel Mrs.
 Leland, William S. Mrs.
 Lewis, George Mrs.
 Lee, William Raymond Mrs.
 McBurney, Charles
 McBurney, Charles Mrs.
 Morrill, George
 Morrill, Joseph Mrs.
 Morse, Haratio G. Mrs.
 Munroe, George H. Mrs.
 Martin, Henry A. Mrs.
 Mann, Benj. Mrs.
 Mann, John J. Mrs.
 Nevins, Jr. David
 Nevins, Jr. David Mrs.
 Nevers, Lucy Miss
 Otis, Theodore Mrs.
 Osgood, John Felt
 Osgood, John Felt Mrs.
 Putnam, Anna, Miss
 Parker, John Wells Mrs.
 Pickering, Arthur Mrs.
 Ropes, Joseph S.
 Reynolds, Edward B.

Reynolds, Edward B. Mrs.
 Reynolds, William J. Mrs.
 Rogers, John
 Rogers, Shubael G. Mrs.
 Rogers, Laura Miss
 Rice, Edward E. Mrs.
 Randall, Belinda L. Miss
 Reed, Edwin M. Mrs.
 Reed, Clarence M.
 Sargent, Epes Mrs.
 Seaver, Charles M.
 Snow, Salome H. Miss
 Sturgis, James
 Stackpole, Reuben M.
 Stackpole, Reuben M. Mrs.
 Soren, Emily Miss
 Shed, Joseph G. Mrs.
 Thacher, Thomas Mrs.
 Thwing, Supply C.
 Townsend, Anna S. Miss
 Tolman, James Mrs.
 Tucker, Joseph W. Mrs.
 Thompson, Augustus C. Mrs.
 Weld, Susan Miss
 White, Henry Mrs.
 Whiting, William Mrs.
 Willard, Paul Mrs.
 Williams, Stephen
 Williams, Mary Miss
 Williams, Aaron D. Mrs.
 Williams, David W.
 Wheelwright, Geo. W. Mrs.
 Wheelwright, Josiah Mrs.
 Wiswall, Samuel Mrs.
 Walker, Samuel Mrs.
 Way, John M. Mrs.
 Waterman, Joseph S. Mrs.
 Ware, Leonard Mrs.
 Worthington, Roland

